

REMARKS:

STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS

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The Examiner had previously requested that a statement of the status of all patent claims and of
5 all added claims be submitted on a page separate from the pages containing the changes. The
Applicant submits an updated statement out of an abundance of caution.

The Applicant submits that patent claims **1-29** are pending in this reissue application as of the
date of this amendment.

10 The Applicant submits that claims **30-36** and **39**, which have been added in this reissue
application, are pending in this reissue application as of the date of this amendment.

The Applicant submits that claims **37** and **38** which had been previously added in this reissue
application have been canceled.

Support for the previous amendments to claim **1** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines
23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

15 Support for the previous amendments to claim **6** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines
23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous amendments to claim **10** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines
23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

20 Support for the previous amendments to claim **13** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines
23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous amendments to claim **14** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines
23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **18** can be found in the specification at
col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

25 Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **19** can be found in the specification at
col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **20** can be found in the specification at
col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **21** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **22** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

5 Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **23** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous amendments to claim **24** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

10 Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **25** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **26** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **27** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

15 Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **28** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **29** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

20 Support for the previous amendments to claim **30** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for the previous and current amendments to claim **34** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 23-38 and at col. 6, lines 41-54.

Support for claim **35** can be found in the specification at col. 9, lines 10-19 and FIG. 3J.

25 Support for claim **36** can be found in the specification at col. 3, lines 18-20, col. 8, lines 53-55 and FIG. 2.

Support for previously added claim **39** can be found FIG. 3J and in original claims **19-29**.

Support for newly added claim **41** can be found at col. 5, lines 32-33 and in original claim **2**.

NOTE ON CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 40 has been cancelled and replaced with claim 41 to correct a minor informality. Claim 40 was construed as being independent. Claim 41, depends from claim 30 and replaces claim 40. Applicant submits that no new matter has been entered with this supplemental amendment. A Notice of Non-Compliant amendment was mailed on September 28, 2006. During a conversation between Applicant's attorney and USPTO Legal Instruments Examiner Geraldine Stanley it was established that the Notice was sent in error. Applicant submits that with this supplemental amendment, no extra independent claim fees are necessary.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment of September 27, 2006 and this supplemental amendment and consideration of the remarks accompanying the amendment of September 27, 2006. The Applicant submits that all claims are allowable over the prior art and define an invention suitable for patent protection for the reasons set forth in the Amendment of September 27, 2006. Furthermore, the Applicant submits that none of the pending claims present an impermissible recapture of subject matter surrendered during prosecution for the reasons set forth in the Amendment of September 27, 2006. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application, and issue a Notice of Allowance in the next Office Action.

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